### THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STAFF REPORT

OF THE

**AUDIT DEPARTMENT** 

**AND** 

**UTILITIES DEPARTMENT** 



DOCKET NO. 2003-213-W

LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY

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### LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY

### **SYNOPSIS**

Amount Requested       \$         Per Company		
Per Company	Amount Requested	
Per Staff		\$
Percentage Increase       72.6% *         Operating Margin       (95.96%)         As Adjusted       (19.85%)	Per Company	1,821
Percentage Increase       72.6% *         Operating Margin       (95.96%)         As Adjusted       (19.85%)		
Operating Margin           Per Books	Per Staff	1,683 *
Operating Margin           Per Books	Parcentage Increase	72 6% *
Per Books (95.96%) As Adjusted (19.85%)	reicentage increase	12.070
Per Books (95.96%) As Adjusted (19.85%)		
Per Books (95.96%) As Adjusted (19.85%)		
As Adjusted (19.85%)	Operating Margin	
As Adjusted (19.85%)		(05.000()
	Per Books	(95.96%)
	As Adjusted	(19.85%)
After the Proposed Increase 23.80%	7 to 7 tajuotou	(/-)
	After the Proposed Increase	23.80%

<sup>\*</sup> These figures were computed by the Utilities Department.

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT DEPARTMENT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2003-213-W LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY

### **ANALYSIS**

The Audit Department Staff has made a review of the Application of Lake Princeton Water Company (hereinafter referred to as "the Company") along with certain of the Company's accounting records, relative to the Company's application for authority to increase certain rates and charges as shown in Docket No. 2003-213-W.

The Audit Department respectfully submits the results of its review as follows:

- 1. The Company filed an application on July 1, 2003 for approval of rates and charges for water services provided to its residential customers in Lexington County.
- 2. This matter is set for public hearing on Thursday, October 9, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.
- The Company's principal place of business is 107 Crestline Drive, West Columbia, South Carolina 29170.
- 4. The Company's application utilizes a December 31, 2002 test period and requests an increase in revenues of \$1,821 for water.
- 5. The Company's present water rates were approved in Order No.84-451, Docket No.84-88-W, dated May 30, 1984.

The Audit Department Staff's exhibits relative to the Company's proposed increase are as follows:

### **EXHIBIT A: OPERATING EXPERIENCE AND OPERATING MARGIN**

Shown in this exhibit are the Company's water operations for the twelve months ended December 31, 2002, with respect to Operating Experience and Operating Margin. The exhibit's format is designed to reflect per book information and applicable accounting and pro forma adjustments necessary to correct or normalize the results of the Company's test year operations, both before and after the effect of the requested increase.

Staff verified the per book balances to the Company's books and records. The book figures reflect that the Company's Operating Revenues totaled \$1,879. Total Operating Expenses amounted to \$3,682 resulting in a Net Operating Income (Loss) of (\$1,803). Total Income (Loss) for Return of (\$1,803) and Operating Revenues of \$1,879 produced an Operating Margin of (95.96%).

Staff normalized the Company's operations by employing Adjustments Number 1 through 5. The net effect of the adjustments decreased Total Income (Loss) for Return from (\$1,803) to (\$465). Total Income (Loss) for Return of (\$465) and Operating Revenues of \$2,342 produced an Operating Margin of (19.85%).

The Company has requested an increase in rates which would produce additional gross annual revenues of \$1,683 for water operations based on information supplied by the Utilities Department.

After the proposed increase, Operating Revenues amounted to \$4,025 and Operating Expenses amounted to \$3,067, which produced Net Operating Income (Loss) of \$958. Operating Revenues of \$4,025 and Total Income (Loss) for Return of \$958 produced an Operating Margin of 23.80%.

### EXHIBIT A-1: EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS

Shown in this exhibit are the details of each accounting and pro forma adjustment necessary to normalize the Company's water operations and to reflect the proposed increase. For comparative purposes, Company and Staff adjustments are both presented in this exhibit.

### **EXHIBIT A-2: COMPUTATION OF DEPRECIATION EXPENSE**

Shown in this exhibit is Staff's annualized depreciation expense. Staff annualized depreciation expense using rates supplied by the Utilities Department. Depreciation Expense amounted to \$95 for the Company's water operations. The Plant amounts shown in the Company's application ("Assets of the Company") were

### **AUDIT EXHIBIT A**

### LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY OPERATING EXPERIENCE AND OPERATING MARGIN TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	(1)	(2) Accounting	(3)	(4) Effect of	(5) After
		& Pro Forma	As	Proposed	Proposed
Description	Per Books	Adjustments	Adjusted	Increase	Increase
<u> </u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Operating Revenues		<b>\</b>			
Water Service Revenue	1,854	463 (1)		1,683 (	(6) 4,000
Misc. Revenue	25	0	25	0	25
Total Operating Revenues	1,879	463	2,342	1,683	4,025
Operating Expenses					
Operation & Maintenance	2,256	(520) (2)	1,736	0	1,736
Administrative & General	93	866 (3)		0	959
Depreciation (A)	0	95 (4)		0	95
Taxes Other Than Income	1,333	(1,316) (5)			(7) 49
Income Taxes (B)	0	0	0	228	(8) 228
Total Operating Expenses	3,682	(875)	2,807	260	3,067
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(1,803)	1,338	(465)	1,423	958
Add: Customer Growth (C)			` ó	0	0
Total Income (Loss) For Return	(1,803)	1,338	(465)	1,423	958
Operating Margin	-95.96%	<b>=</b>	-19.85%	ı	23.80%

<sup>(</sup>A) Depreciation Expense shown on Audit Exhibit A-2.

<sup>(</sup>B) Computation of Income Taxes shown on Audit Exhibit A-3.

<sup>(</sup>C) Customer Growth was \$-0- because the number of customers (11 customers) did not change.

# LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	(5) Taxes	Other Than Income	<del>⇔</del>						
	(4)	Depreciation	S						
	(3)	Administrative & General	S						
1, 2002	(2)	Operation & Maint.	S				52		0 (182)
ECEMBER 3	(1) Water	Service Revenue	မှာ		464 463				
EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUST MENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002		Description	-	The Staff and the Company proposes to annualize water operating revenues to reflect revenue based on customers and present rates for the test year. This adjustment includes billing the Company's owners for water service for the test year. (U)	Per Company Per Staff	The Company proposed an estimated increase in electricity expense. Staff could not verify that such an expense will increase. The adjustment is not known and measurable. (A)	Per Company Per Staff	The Staff proposes to eliminate test year electricity expenses that were not related to Company operations. (A)	Per Company Per Staff
		Line No.		(1)		(2)		(3)	

# LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

(5) Taxes	Other Than Income	9					
(4)	Depreciation	<del>9</del>					
(3)	Operation Administrative & Maint. & General	<del>0</del>					
(2)	Operation & Maint.	<del>9</del>	0 (150)		1,000		09
(1) Water	Service Description Revenue	The Staff proposes to eliminate test year DHEC surcharge expense. DHEC's Safe Drinking Water Act annual surcharge expense is recoverable by the Company, as a separate item, in its water service customer billings. The fee comes under the jurisdiction of DHEC. (A & U)	Per Company Per Staff	The Company proposed to include a salary for the Company President who is also responsible for Company maintenance duties. Staff accepted the adjustment based on a description of the duties performed by the Company's President. (A)	Per Company Per Staff	The Company proposed an increase to \$120 for Water Meter Reading and Maintenance labor expense. The Staff accepted the adjustment after reviewing a description of the duties performed by the meter reader. During the test year, \$60 was paid for this expense and included in "per book" expenses on Audit Exhibit A. Therefore, Staff increased this expense by an additional \$60. (A)	Per Company Per Staff
	Line No.	(4)		(2)		9)	

# LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

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(5) Taxes Other Than Income	Depreciation \$	SEMA ADJUSTMENTS 2002 (2) (3) Operation Administrative & Maint. & General \$ 318 0 50 50 50	FORMA AD. 11, 2002 (2) Operation & Maint. \$ 0	S AND PRO I  (1)  Water Service Revenue \$	EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS  TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002  Water Service Operation Administrativ The Company proposed expenses. The Staff Gooss not agree with including such an amount. The Company's prefiled testimony has not addressed a need for such a fund. It is not known and measurable. (A)  Per Company and the Staff proposed an increase in professional services expense related to the preparation of Annual Financial Reports. Staff verified the increase in cost from \$50 to \$100. The Staff's adjustment is based on a known and measurable change in lest year expenses. (A)  Per Company Per Staff The Company proposed to include a Bookkeeper/Secretary Salary. The Staff accepted the adjustment based on a description of the duties performed by the Bookkeeper/Secretary. (A)	(10) (12)
		800			Per Company Per Staff	
					The Company proposed to include a Bookkeeper/Secretary Salary. The Staff accepted the adjustment based on a description of the duties performed by the Bookkeeper/Secretary. (A)	(12)
		20			Per Company Per Staff	
					The Company and the Staff proposed an increase in professional services expense related to the preparation of Annual Financial Reports. Staff verified the increase in cost from \$50 to \$100. The Staff's adjustment is based on a known and measurable change in test year expenses.(A)	(11)
			318		Per Company Per Staff	
				Uwo	The Company proposes to include an Emergency Fund equal to 10% of the Company's proposed expenses. The Staff does not agree with including such an amount The Company's prefiled testimony has not addressed a need for such a fund. It is not kn and measurable. (A)	(10)
<del>s</del>	S	Σ	<b>⊕</b>	\$	Description	<u>.</u>
Other Than Income	Depreciation	Administrative & General	Operation & Maint	Service	Donointion	Line
(5) Taxes	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1) Water		
		JUSTMENTS	FORMA ADJ 11, 2002	3 AND PRO I ECEMBER 3	EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING TEST YEAR ENDED D	

# LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY

	LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002	TER COMP/ AND PRO F CEMBER 3	ANY ORMA ADJ 1, 2002	JUSTMENTS		
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5) Taxes
Line	Description	Vvater Service Revenue	Operation & Maint.	Admini & Gen	ve Depreciation	Other Than Income
<u> </u>		မှာ	s	s	↔	↔
(13)	The Company proposed an estimated increase of \$17 for postage and office supplies expenses. The Staff did not include the adjustment because it is not known and measurable at this time. (A)	,				
	Per Company Per Staff			7	17 0	
(14)	The Company proposed to include an estimated 20% increase to the Company's proposed expenses as a 'Profit to the Company'. The Staff did not accept the adjustment because"Profit" is not an expense item. Profit or Loss is reflected on the "Net Operating Income or (Loss)" Line of Staff's Exhibit A. (A)	d inses				
	Per Company Per Staff			8	637 0	
(15)	The Staff proposes to adjust expenses to reflect, on a normalized basis, the costs associated with the current rate case amortized over a three-year period (\$47/3). (A)					
	Per Company Per Staff				0 16	

LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY

	(5) Taxes	Other Than Income	\$						(1,317)	(1,316)	(1,317)
	(4)	Depreciation	s		06		2			95	06
JSTMENTS	(3)	Administrative & General	s							998	1,504
ORMA ADJI 1, 2002	(2)	Operation / & Maint.	l							(520)	182
NG AND PRO F DECEMBER 3'	(1) Water	Service	₩	1 4 & U)		1 (A & U)		ation		463	464
EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002		Description	•	Both the Staff and the Company propose to adjust expenses to reflect the depreciation expense associated with a pump purchased during the test year (See Line Number 7). (A & U)	Per Company Per Staff	The Staff proposes to adjust expenses to reflect the depreciation expense associated with meters and meter boxes purchased during the test year (See Line Number 8). (A & U)	Per Company Per Staff	test year property taxes to reflect the elimination of property taxes that were not related to Company operations. (A)	Per Company Per Staff	Total Accounting and Pro Forma Adjustments Per Staff	Total Accounting and Pro Forma Adjustments Per Company
		Line		(16)		(17)		(18)			

LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY
EXPLANATION OF ACCOUNTING AND PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS
TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

(8)	Income Taxes	€>		0 228 <b>(b)</b>	228	0
(7) Taxes	Other Than Income	\$		0 32 <b>(a)</b>	32	0
(6) Water	Service Revenue	\$		1,821 1,683	683	1,821
	Description		Both the Staff and the Company propose to reflect the effect of the proposed increase. (U & A)	Per Company Per Staff	Total Accounting and Pro Forma AdjustmentsProposed Increase	Per Staff  Total Accounting and Pro Forma  AdjustmentsProposed Increase Per Company

However, it is Staff's opinion that if the proposed revenue total of \$4,025 is approved, on a going forward basis, the The Company was not assessed a 2002 PSC Gross Receipts Tax Fee because the revenue was less than \$4,000. (a) Gross Receipts Tax Rate of 0.0080610529 x Proposed Revenue After the Increase of \$4,025 = \$32. Company would be assessed a gross receipts tax on it.

(b) See Staff's Audit Exhibit A-3, Computation of Income Taxes, for details.

## U -- Utilities Department

## A -- Audit Department

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### **AUDIT EXHIBIT A-2**

### LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY COMPUTATION OF DEPRECIATION EXPENSE TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

<u>Description</u>	Cost \$	Recommended Service Life (Years)	Depreciation Rate * %	Depreciation Expense \$
(2002) Meters and Meter Boxes	136	25	4	5
(2002) Pump	900	10	10	90
Total Depreciation Exp	ense			95

<sup>\*</sup> As provided by the PSC's Utilities Department

### **AUDIT EXHIBIT A-3**

### LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY COMPUTATION OF INCOME TAXES TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

t .	\$
As Adjusted Operating Revenues Less: Operating Expenses (\$-0- Interest Expense) Taxable Income (Loss)	2,342 (2,807) (465)
Therefore, on an As Adjusted basis, state and federal income taxes are <u>\$-0-</u> .	
After the Proposed Increase Operating Revenues Less: Operating Expenses (\$-0- Interest Expense; Before Income Taxes) Taxable Income	4,025 (2,839) 1,186
\$	
Taxable Income 1,186 State Income Tax Rate x 5%	
State Income Tax59_	
Taxable Income Subject to Federal Tax	1,127
Federal Income Tax: 1st \$50,000 15% Rate	
Total State and Federal Income Taxes	228
Income Taxes - After Proposed Increase Income Taxes - As Adjusted	228
Adjustment	228

### **AUDIT EXHIBIT A-4**

### LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT--PER COMPANY'S APPLICATION TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	\$
Total Operating Revenues	1,856
Operating Expenses	
Utilities Meter Reading Office Expenses (Postage/Bank Fees) DHEC Regulatory Fees Professional Services Pump Repairs Water Meter Expenses Other Equipment Expense Taxes Other Than Income	798 60 43 150 50 900 136 212 1,333
Total Operating Expenses	3,682
Net Operating Income (Loss)	(1,826)

LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY ALTERNATE REVENUE REQUIREMENTS TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	<b>(1)</b>	(2)	(a) (c)		(4) Dovog	(5) Proposed	(n) (9)	<u>.</u>
	Revenue Required	Proposed Increase (Decrease)	Monthly** Rates	**	Required After	Increase (Decrease)	Monthly** Rates	*
	Increase	Required	Required	pe	Increase	Required	Required	
		(Including Salaries of \$1,860)	ries of \$1,860)		9	(Excluding Salaries of \$1,860)	s of \$1,860)	
			Base Com	Commodity			Base Commodity Charge \$/1,000	mmodity \$/1,000
	₩	₩.		\$	49	· <del>•</del>	<del>ss</del>	<del>()</del>
Operating Margin @ 0.00%	2,807	465	12.00	1.49	947	(1,395)	12.00	1.13
Operating Margin @ 5.00%	2,993	651	12.00	1.72	1,010	(1,332)	12.00	1.21
Operating Margin @ 10.00%	3,204	862	12.00	1.98	1,082	(1,261)	12.00	1.30
Operating Margin @ 15.00%	3,447	1,105	12.00	2.28	1,164	(1,178)	12.00	1.40
Operating Margin @ 20.00%	3,731	1,389	12.00	2.64	1,260	(1,083)	12.00	1.52
Operating Margin @ 23.80% (See Staff's Audit Exhibit A)	4,025	1,683	12.00	3.00	1,344	(666)	12.00	1.62

(U) -- The Utilities Department calculated the monthly rates required.

Note 1: Calculations for other operating margins can be provided upon request.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The monthly rates required calculations excludes the \$25.00 in Misc. Revenues.

### REPORT OF THE

### **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY

**FOR** 

PRINCETON LAKES SUBDIVISION

IN

LEXINGTON COUNTY, SC

**DOCKET NO. 2003-213-W** 

### UTILITIES DEPARTMENT REPORT

### LAKE PRINCETON WATER COMPANY

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Lake Princeton Water Company is operating under rates set by Public Service Commission Order No. 84-451 issued on May 30, 1984 in Docket No. 84-88-W. The Company has 11 water customers.

### <u>UTILITIES DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT NO. 1</u>

### PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

### PRESENT RATES

First 1,000 gallons Over 1,000 gallons Reconnect Fee

\$ 7.50 (minimum) \$ 1.95 per 1,000 \$ 25.00

### **PROPOSED RATES**

Basic Facilities Charge Commodity Charge Reconnect Fee Tap Fee \$ 12.00 \$ 3.00 per 1,000 gallons \$ 50.00 \$500.00 Utilities Department Exhibit No. 2 shows the effect of the present and proposed rates and charges on operating revenue. The proposed increase would produce \$1,683 in additional revenue for an overall increase of 71.86%.

### **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT NO. 2**

### EFFECT OF PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES ON OPERATING REVENUE

source of revenue	per books \$	test year adjustment \$	test year after adjustment \$	proposed increase \$	after increase \$	percent increase %
Water Service	1,854	463 (1)	2,317	1,683	4,000	72.64
Misc. revenue	25	0	25	0	25	0
Total revenue	1,879	463	2,342	1,683	4,025	71.86

<sup>(1)</sup> To annualize revenues.

Utilities Department Exhibit No. 3 shows the effect of the proposed rates and charges on the customer's monthly bill using a system average of 6,000 gallons per month.

### **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT NO. 3**

### EFFECT OF PROPOSED INCREASE ON MONTHLY BILL

Type	Average	Present	Proposed	Amount of	Percent	
Of	Consumption	Bill	Bill	Increase	Increase	
Service	gallons	\$	\$	\$	%	
Water	6,000	17.25	30.00	12.75	73.91	

Present bill=\$7.50 + (5x\$1.95) = \$7.50 + \$9.75 = \$17.25

Proposed bill= 12.00 + (6x3.00) = 12.00 + 18.00 = 30.00

### **BUSINESS OFFICE COMPLIANCE REVIEW REPORT**

UTILITY:	Lake Princeton Water Company	INSPECTOR: W. Richardson	
OFFICE:	107 Crestline Dr. W. Cola. SC	<b>DATE:</b> August 11, 2003	
COMPAN	Y REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Terry Bl	ack	
IN COMP			
yes 1.	Are all records and reports available and R.103-510?	for examination in accordance with R.103	-710
<u>yes</u> 2.	Are complaint records maintained in	accordance with R.103-716 and R.103-51	.6?
yes 3.		gulations and its up-to-date maps and plantordance with R.103-730 and R.103-530?	S
<u>yes</u> 4.	aware that the utility is under the juri	that every customer making a complaint is sdiction of the South Carolina Public Servas the right to register the complaint in 3-530?	
<u>yes</u> 5.	Are deposits charged within the limit	s established by R.103-731 and R.103-531	1?
<u>yes</u> 6.	Are timely and accurate bills being re R.103-733 and R.103-532?	endered to customers in accordance with	
<u>yes</u> 7.	Are bill forms in accordance with R.1	03-732 and R.103-532?	
<u>yes</u> 8.	Are adjustments of bills handled in ac	ccordance with R.103-733 and R.103-533	?
<u>yes</u> 9.	Is the policy for customer denial or di R.103-735 and R.103-535?	iscontinuance of service in accordance wit	th
<u>yes</u> 10.	Are notices sent to customers prior to R.103-535?	termination in accordance with R.103-73	5 and
<u>yes</u> 11.		on of any violation of PSC or DHEC rules ers in accordance with R.103-714-C and	which
<u>yes</u> 12.	contact the water and/or wastewater	(Telephone, etc.) whereby each customer utility at all hours in cases of emergency of in accordance with R.103-730 and R.103-	or

<u>yes</u> 13.	Are records kept of any condition resulting in any interruption of service affecting its entire system or major division, including a statement of time, duration, and cause of such an interruption in accordance with R.103-714 and R.103-514?
<u>yes</u> 14.	Has the utility advised the Commission, in accordance with R.103-712 and R.103-512 of the name, title, address and telephone number of the person who should be contacted in connection with:  (a) General management duties?  (b) Customer relations (complaints)?  (c) Engineering operations?  (d) Meter tests and repairs?  (e) Emergencies during non-office hours?
<u>yes</u> 15.	Has the Company verified the maps on file with the Commission include all the service area of the Company?
<u>11</u> 16.	Number of customers the Company has at present.
<u>yes</u> 17.	Does the Company have a current performance bond on file with the Commission? Amount of bond \$10,000
*A "NO" RE	SPONSE REQUIRES A NOTE IN THE COMMENT SECTION
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### **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT EXHIBIT NO. 5**

### **UTILITIES DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE COMPANY**

On August 11, 2003 personnel from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina audited the Company's books and operations in preparation for the rate case. The Company has 11 water customers, in Lexington County, South Carolina. The Staff has not received any complaints on the Company as far back as January 2000.

Since the Notice of Filing was mailed to the Company's customers, Staff has received 1 letter of protest against the rate increase.

The Company in its application has filed the latest SCDHEC Sanitary Survey which was conducted on July 23, 2001 for Princeton Lakes. The system received an overall rating of satisfactory.

The Company in its application has requested a tap fee of \$500.00. During the audit the Company supplied Staff with supporting schedules such as labor costs, materials costs, and miscellaneous costs. This information was filed as an addendum to the application.

The following page is a summary of Staff's inspection of the water facilities owned and operated by Lake Princeton Water Company. Note that Staff recommends flow meters be installed.

### WATER SYSTEM INSPECTION

UTILITY Lake Prin	ceton Water Co.	INSPECTED	BY W	m. Richardson		
SYSTEM Princeton Lakes S/D		DATE INSPE	CTED A	August 11, 2003		
<del></del>		COMPANY RE	P To	erry Black	1	
TOTAL NUMBER OF WE	CLL SITES			2		
NUMBER OF WELLS NO		0				
REASON FOR INOPERA	BLE WELLS					
PUMP HOUSES	YES	x NO	NU	MBER 2		
ELECTRIC WIRING	ACCEPTAB	LE x		FAULTY	:	
EXPOSED PIPING	YES	NO	x			
LOCATION				<del></del> .		
CHLORINATOR	YES	NO	x			
OTHER CHEN	MICALS YES	NO	×	<del></del>		
, I	N USE YES	NO				
STORAGE	PRESSURE TANK		NON-PF	RESSURE TANK	x	
	GROUND LEVEL	X	OVERHE	CAD		
SIZE IN GALLONS						
P.S.I. AT TANK			55			
METERS	YES x	NO				
FIRE HYDRANTS	YES	NO	x	<del></del>		
AIR IN LINES	YES	NO	x			
SAND IN WATER	YES	NO	x			
CLARITY OF WATER			clear			
ODOR			none			
LEAKS	YES	NO	х			
LOCATION	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
NEW CONSTRUCTION	YES	NO	X			
HOUSES	YES	NO NO				
UTILITY	YES	NO				
FREQUENCY CHECKED	BY OPERATOR	daily				
APPROXIMATE NUMBER	OF CUSTOMERS	_11	CAPA	CITY OF SYSTE	EM 40	
LOCATION OF UTILIT	Y OFFICE 107 C	restline Dr. W	. Cola.	SC		
LOCATION OF SYSTEM	same					
SYSTEM APPROVED B	Y COMMISSION	YES x	NO	DATE		
IS SUBDIVISION PRO	VIDED SEWER BY T	THIS UTILITY?	YES		NO x	
		BY WHOM?		Septic tanks		
OTHER COMMENTS	Staff recommends	s that flow met	ters be	installed on	both wells to	
	be able to reco	rd how much wat	ter was	produced each	n month and	
_	therefore perform	cm a water aud	it as re	commended in	AWWA M36.	